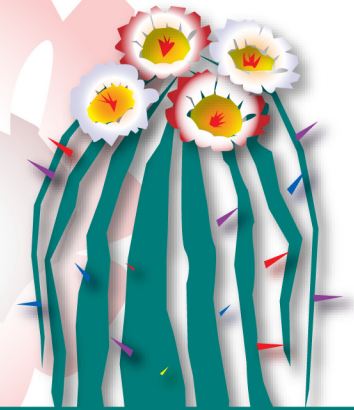




# Barrel District Network News



Councilmember Yvonne Knaack - City of Glendale, Barrel District

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## Sahuaro Ranch Dog Park Temporarily Closed

This week the dog park at Sahuaro Ranch Park was vandalized causing flooding. Crews are working to drain the area of the standing water and get the park operational as soon as possible. They are hoping to have it open again by Saturday or Sunday at the latest.



**Census Takers Go Door-to-Door.** On May 1st, U.S. Census takers began going door-to-door to roughly 48 million households that did not return their census forms. Glendale residents who did not respond to the census should expect a visit.

Glendale residents participated in the 2010 census with a response rate of 69 percent by mail, which was slightly above the Arizona response rate of 67 percent. The national response rate was 72 percent.

If you did not return your census form, expect a visit from your neighborhood census taker. They will visit local homes several times to try and gather resident information. Your census taker may look familiar – most census workers were hired to canvass or work in the general area they live in. Also during the door-to-door campaign, census workers will verify that housing units indicated as “unoccupied” are indeed unoccupied and vacant. If a census taker visits you, here’s what you should do:

- First ask to see their ID. All census workers carry official government badges marked with just their name; they may also have a "U.S. Census Bureau" bag.
- Note that the census taker will never ask to enter your home.
- If you're still not certain about their identity, please call your Regional Census Center at (720) 475-3640 to confirm they are employed by the Census Bureau.
- Answer the census form questions for your entire household (you must be at least 15 years old to answer questions) so that the census taker can record the results for submission to the Census Bureau.

The 2010 Census is important to the future of our community. The data collected is used to distribute more than \$400 billion in federal funds to tribal, state and local governments each year and to make decisions about what community services to provide. Half of Glendale’s annual operating budget depends on census data, and, on average, every person counted in Arizona equals \$1,550 in annual federal funding. [Click here](#) for more information.

**Summer Reading Programs Begin June 1.** Beginning June 1 through July 31, the Glendale Public Libraries will be hosting two summer reading programs. Geared for children ages newborn to 18, “Read Your Way to The Ballpark” reading program offers many incentives including final prizes of a free book and a Diamondbacks game ticket.

For ages 12 to 18, “Make Waves @ Glendale Public Library,” rewards kids with valuable coupons for teen favorites like Harkins Theater, Sonic, Chipotle Mexican Grill and a book and bookbag for completing the program.

Signing up for either reading program is simple. Visit the youth department at your nearest Glendale Library and the library staff will help get your child started. Teens can also sign up for “Make Waves @ Glendale Public Library” online by visiting the Teen Zone on the library website, [www.glendaleaz.com/library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library).

**Recreation Drop-In Program.** This fun, supervised program features games, events, sports, special guests, arts and crafts and more! It’s summer fun for children who have completed kindergarten through those entering 8th grade in the fall.

### Registration information:

Registration will take place Saturday, May 15, 9 a.m. - Noon., at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. and the Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. The supply fee and a completed registration form must be submitted before a child may attend. Only checks or money orders will be accepted on May 15. Beginning Monday, May 17, registration will be available at the Glendale Parks and Recreation office, 5850 W. Glendale Ave., Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Payment may be made with VISA, MasterCard, American Express, cash, check or money order. To receive Glendale resident rates, proof of residency, such as a valid driver's license or current water bill, must be provided.

- **Regular Hours Option:** 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
June 1 - July 1, Mondays through Thursdays  
Supply Fee: Glendale resident \$35 (Non-resident \$55)
- **Extended Hours Option:** 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
June 1 - July 1, Mondays through Thursdays  
(Available at Kachina, Pioneer, O'Neil and Rose Lane.  
Includes a fun variety of added activities and classes.)  
Supply Fee: Glendale resident \$75 (Non-resident \$105)

### Barrel District Sites:

- Copperwood Elementary School  
11232 N. 65th Ave. (N. of Peoria)
- Marshall Ranch Elementary School  
12995 N. Marshall Ranch Dr. (N. of Cactus)

[Click here](#) for the full list of program sites. For more information, call (623) 930-2832.

**WaterDance Film Festival Benefits Glendale Libraries on May 14.** Friday evenings, May 7 – June 25, Westgate City Center is once again turning its WaterDance Plaza into one giant living room with a larger-than-life twist...“you bring the chairs, we'll bring the stars.” The second season of Westgate's free WaterDance Film Festival includes popular movies such as *The Blind Side*, *Up* and *Michael Jackson's This Is It*, to be shown on the Plaza's giant, 30-by-50-foot LED screen...think drive-in movie without the cars. Families are encouraged to bring their blankets and chairs to enjoy the stars – with the stars.

May 14th brings *Shrek 2* to the big screen at 7:30 PM. All guests are encouraged to donate a new or gently used children's, teen or adult book. All books will be given to Glendale libraries, encouraging and supporting strong reading programs during a challenging fundraising economy.

For more information on the WaterDance Film Festival and a lineup of movies and promotions, visit [www.westgatecitycenter.com](http://www.westgatecitycenter.com).

## Around Town

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**Celebration for Mothers.** The city of Glendale is hosting a special Mother's Day Celebration Saturday, May 8, in Historic Downtown Glendale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Moms will receive flowers and deals that will make them feel special. The event is free and Moms can start their celebration at the Glendale Visitor Center located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140 in downtown Glendale. For more information, [click here](#) or call (623) 930-4500.

**Watermill Express Toddler Water Day.** It's time to hit the water! Join us from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Friday, May 14, at Sahuaro Ranch Park, 63rd Ave. & Mountain View Rd., for a morning of fun water activities. Children should be dressed to get wet! There will be a variety of water games that will leave them soaked. Children must be accompanied by an adult or guardian and are required to wear shoes or sandals; no bare feet allowed. Don't forget the SUNSCREEN. Snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase. For more information, call (623) 930-2038.

**Teen Volunteer Fair.** The Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., is hosting a Teen Volunteer Fair at the library auditorium wing on Saturday, May 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for students, ages 12-18, who are looking for volunteer opportunities.

Besides the library, teens can find out about volunteer opportunities with the following organizations: Arizona Humane Society, Brambley Hedge Rabbit Rescue, WHEAT: Ending Hunger Through Education and Action, Sahuaro Ranch Historic Area/Glendale Parks and Recreation Department, Helping Hands Housing Services, Tranquility Trail Animal Sanctuary, Hope Animal Foundation, and John C. Lincoln Health Network/Desert Missions Program. Other organizations may be present that day as well. For more information about the event, call (623) 930-3537.

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